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7 FAM 540
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7 FAM 1710
INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION
7 FAM 1790
INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

1. Summary of Changes

- 540: 7 FAM 543.4 has been revised to add the addresses, phone/fax numbers and email addresses for the St. Paul Pension Maintenance Center (PMC) and the Philadelphia Pension Maintenance Center. The PMCs process the pension claims for Veterans, widows and parents. Dependency Indemnity Compensation claims are also processed by PMCs. In addition, the link for the Inquiry, Routing and Information System (IRIS) (https://iris.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/3033/kw/3033) is updated.
- 1710: deletion of the words (under development) in reference to the CPIAP program Appendix that has been published
- 1790: 7 FAM 1796b Suspension in Hague Adoption Convention Countries has been revised
    - This section describes how the Department assesses whether consular officers will be able to verify in individual adoption cases that The Hague Adoption Convention and the IAA requirements have been met. This assessment happens before the United States can begin processing adoptions with a new Hague

Adoption Convention partner who acceded to or ratified the Hague Adoption Convention

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